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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9488

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PROTECTING POWER IN ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 306723

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL OCCASIONED BY LAPSE
IN COMMUNICATIONS PROCESSING.

2. AGREE ITALY MIGHT WELL BE MOST EFFECTIVE (AND WILLING)
REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. INTERESTS IN ADDIS ABABA SHOULD
ETHIOPIA BREAK RELATIONS WITH U.S. MFA AFRICAN ASSETS
ARE THIN, WITH ALL SOUTH-OF-SAHARA HANDLED BY A TWO-MAN
OFFICE. HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD BE NO IMPEDIMENT TO TAKING
ON THIS ADDED ROLE, ONE WHICH WE SENSE ITALIANS RATHER
ENJOY AND IS CONGRUENT WITH GOI ASPIRATIONS TO SERVE AS
"BRIDGE TO AFRICA". THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF COURSE THAT,
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH
SIDES IN THE OGADEN CONFLICT, THE GOI MIGHT NOT BE
AS VIGOROUS IN PROTECTING OUR INTERESTS IN ADDIS
ABABA IN SOME CONCEIVABLE INSTANCES. NONETHELESS, WE
THINK SUCH INSTANCES LIKELY TO BE RARE AND ITALY
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IS PROBABLY BEST AVAILABLE CANDIDATE.
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